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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF MARIN

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CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL,) a California not-for-profit religious corporation,

Plaintiff,

VS.

GERALD ARMSTRONG; MICHAEL WALTON; THE GERALD ARMSTRONG CORPORATION a California for-profit corporation; DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

No. 157 680

EX PARTE APPLICATION TO CONTINUE HEARINGS ON MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF 20TH CAUSE OF ACTION: AND 13TH, 16TH, 17TH & 19TH CAUSES OF ACTION OF 2ND AMENDED COMPLAINT

Date: 3/29/95 Time: 9:00 a.m.

Dept: One

Trial Date: 5/18/95

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL AND ITS ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 29, 1995 at 9:00 a.m., in Department 1 of the above-entitled Court, located at the Hall of Justice at the Marin County Civic Center, San Rafael, California, defendant Gerald Armstrong, in pro per, will seek an ex parte order continuing the hearing on plaintiff's motion for summary adjudication of the twentieth cause of action of its complaint presently set for April 14, 1995.

This ex parte application is based upon the grounds that defendant has been incapacitated by psychic trauma the past two

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an order which is very overreaching and if granted will cripple defendant and destroy his litigant's and human rights; that the motion concerns more than twenty people or entities from whom defendant must obtain declarations in support of his opposition; that the motion and supporting papers are over six inches of documents and concern matters over a twenty-five year period of defendant's life; that defendant is not an attorney and not represented by an attorney; that defendant has no monetary resources; that an extension of time will give defendant an opportunity to obtain an attorney, and give any attorney retained an opportunity to participate in this very important summary adjudication motion which will set the stage and parameters at trial. !

This ex parte application is based upon this notice, the attached declaration of Gerald Armstrong, the Court's files and records in this case and such other material as is presented in support of this application.

DATED: March 28, 1995

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I am the defendant in this case. I am not an attorney, not trained as an attorney, and do not have an attorney's knowledge or skills. Until February 23, 1995 I was represented

by attorney Ford Greene.

I, Gerald Armstrong, declare:

- 2. On February 27, 1995 I received from plaintiff Scientology organization its motion for summary adjudication of its twentieth cause of action of its complaint. Scientology seeks a permanent injunction which is overreaching and if granted would hopelessly cripple me as a litigant, and destroy my civil and human rights.
- On March 10 this Court signed an order, for which I am very grateful, granting an ex parte application which extended by two weeks the time to oppose the above-described motion for summary adjudication. On March 17 Scientology served on me another motion for summary adjudication, this of the 13th, 16th, 17th and 19th causes of action of the second amended complaint. This motion seeks \$200,000.00 in liquidated damages.
- 4. Scientology's motion for summary adjudication of the 20th cause of action and supporting documents is over six inches thick. The second motion and supporting documents is another two inches.
- 5. A little over two weeks ago I experienced a profound spiritual and psychological crisis and my psyche and physical being are only now beginning to normalize. I lost a great deal

of strength and functionality and my normal mode of communication. I was immobilized and unable to speak at times, and at other times during this period was able to speak only haltingly and through great psychic anguish.

- 6. I have, in spite of that, worked as able to oppose Scientology's motions. I have located and communicated with almost all of the people, including individuals in the United Kingdom and South Africa, who will be providing declarations to support my oppositions. I have a direction for my oppositions which I believe will be adequate and successful. My request for an extension, therefore, is not frivolous, but will promote justice by giving me the chance I need to defend myself. Scientology will not be prejudiced in any way if an extension is granted.
- 7. From the time Mr. Greene substituted out I have attempted to obtain competent counsel to represent me in this litigation. I have now communicated substantively with eleven attorneys, each of whom has thus far declined to represent me. I have also communicated with a number of organizations which have an interest in the First Amendment issues which my case presents and which may be able to assist financially or with creating a public forum for and focus on the case's issues. I am confident that help is on its way. An extension of two weeks will also give me an opportunity have an attorney assist in my oppositions or at least review my work, if I am able to obtain legal help in the next two weeks. These summary adjudication motions are

extremely important and will set the stage and guidelines for the May trial. Any attorney who might become involved in my case would want to have as much input as possible into what that stage and guidelines will be.

- 8. I communicated in my last application that I did not have a computer or printer. I have now obtained a computer and, God willing, I will have a printer in the next few days. I have borrowed Ford Green's printer for this document.
- 9. I am requesting that the hearing on the motion for summary adjudication be set for April 28, 1995.
- 10. I advised Scientology attorney, Laurie Bartilson, by phone at 11:20 a.m. yesterday that I would seek a continuance of the hearing date ex parte today if she would not agree to such a continuance. I followed this up with a faxed letter, a copy of which is appended hereto as Exhibit A.
- 11. I apologize to the Court for not being able, despite my best efforts, to meet my commitment after it graciously granted my earlier request for an extension. I again ask for its patience and mercy.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at San Anselmo, California, on March 29, 1995.



ORDER

GOOD CAUSE appearing therefor, it is hereby ORDERED that the hearing on plaintiff's motion for summary adjudication of the twentieth cause of action of the second amended complaint, and the hearing on plaintiff's motion for summary adjudication of the thirteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth and nineteenth causes of action of the second amended complaint shall be continued to 9:00 a.m. April 28, 1995.

DATED: MAR 2 9 1995

GARY W. THOMAS

Judge of the Superior Court

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RE: Scientology v. Armstrong
Marin County Superior Court
Case No. 157 680

Dear Ms. Bartilson:

This is to put in writing our telephone conversation of this morning in which I said that I required an additional two weeks to prepare adequate responses to the two pending summary adjudication motions, and that if you would not grant such I would seek an extension ex parte from Judge Thomas tomorrow morning at 0900, and you said that you not would grant an extension.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Michael L. Walton, Esquire (by fax)